

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1309

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Colonel John A. Olshefski, United States Army, upon his outstanding and distinguished military career.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize officers of the United States Armed Forces who have established distinguished records during their military careers and who have demonstrated great courage and competence in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, Colonel John A. Olshefski of the United States Army, Commander of U.S. Army Garrison, Redstone Arsenal, is one such outstanding officer who, since 1980, has served this Nation in both peace and war with great valor, professionalism, and dedication to duty, earning a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a 1980 graduate of the The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, John Olshefski was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant; after two years of serving in the Arizona National Guard and working as a civilian for Honeywell, Inc., he joined the Active Army in 1982; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable career includes many noteworthy assignments, such as Aide-de-Camp for the 200 Theater Army Materiel Management Center in Zweibruecken, Germany; Shop Officer for B Company, 3d Forward Support Battalion, 3d Infantry Division of Aschaffenburg, Germany; Battalion Support Operations Officer, S-3, and B Company Commander of the 115th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas; Operations/Training Advisor for the Royal Saudi Land Forces Ordnance Corps, Ordnance Program Division in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Division Materiel Management Officer and Executive Officer for the 24th Forward Support Battalion, 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia; Logistics Analyst for Special Operations Requirement/Resources Division at the Headquarters

of the United States Special Operations Command of the MacDill Air Force Base in Florida; Commander, 2d Forward Support Battalion and Division G4, 2d Infantry Division, in the Republic of Korea; Executive Officer for the Sustainment Directory Army G4; and Deputy C4 for the Coalition Forces Land Component Command at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his unparalleled expertise and the éclat with which he always performed his duties, in 2005 Colonel Olshefski took command of the United States Army Garrison, Redstone Arsenal as Garrison Commander; and

WHEREAS, Colonel John Olshefski has distinguished himself further as a graduate of the Signal Officer Basic Course, Ordnance Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Logistics Executive Development Course, and Command and General Staff College; he also earned a Master of Science degree from Central Michigan University and a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Colonel Olshefski's unswerving commitment to excellence has earned him the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, and the Saudi Arabia and Kuwait Liberation Medals; and

WHEREAS, his many professional achievements aside, the singular John Olshefski is perhaps most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, the former Sharon Stuckey; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Olshefski is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service and duty to country that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished military career of Colonel John Olshefski can only be categorized as outstanding, and his courage and ability are peerless; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Colonel John A. Olshefski on his outstanding career with the United States Army, praise him for his dedication to his country, thank him for

his unceasing commitment to duty, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.